

The Week Ahead

Hi everyone,

*This week
there's only
really one news
story in town - so please
forgive us if today's mailing
is a bit election-heavy.*

*I will be staffing the out-of-
hours support line this week
(07881783812).*

*Wishing you all a wonderful
week,*

Anna

Election 2015

Tonight, 9:55pm, BBC1

David Dimbleby presents comprehensive overnight coverage from around the country as the results of the General Election begin to come in.

Channel 4's Alternative Election Night

Tonight, 9pm, Channel 4

Jeremy Paxman and David Mitchell kick off an all-night feast of comedy and commentary in this

#ThinkPrayVote

Forgive me for stating the obvious, but today is **General Election day!** However you're planning to vote, don't forget to pray for all those involved and for the next elected government. Many local elections will also be taking place today, so please pray for these too.

Still undecided? [Faith in Politics](#) is a brief guide on issues you might want to consider before casting your vote.

Welcome, Toby!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you all to the newest member of the Media Team - Toby Fairclough. Toby has joined us from the London Methodist District, where he worked as Communications Officer. You can [email](#)

[Toby](#) or call him on 0207 467 5208.

Latest news from Nepal

Disaster Management Expert **Paul Wright** has now arrived in Nepal and started work with Methodist partner United Mission to Nepal. We have also just approved **agrant of £10,000** from the World Mission Fund to help with the United Mission to Nepal's relief work. For the latest updates and news from Paul and our other partners, [see here](#). Please continue to pray for the situation and consider donating to All We Can's [emergency appeal](#).

alternative take on polling day, with contributions from a host of special guests in the studio and around the nation

VE Day 70:

The Cenotaph

Friday, 2:30pm, BBC1

A service of remembrance from Whitehall in central London to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, when the then-prime minister Winston Churchill formally announced that the conflict had ended and victory in the European theatre was assured.

Question Time:

Election Special

Friday, 8:30pm, BBC1

David Dimbleby gets the public's reaction to the result of the General Election, as the audience quizzes a panel of politicians about what it means for the country.

VE Day 70:

The Nation Remembers

Sunday, 10am, BBC1

Kirsty Young introduces full live coverage of the final

World Fair Trade Day

On **Saturday 9 May** [Traidcraft](#) will be celebrating World Fair Trade Day with selected discounts and offers from around the world.

Christian Aid Week

Next week, **10-16 May**, will be [Christian Aid Week](#). With a number of local Methodist churches across the Connexion joining in, why not tell us what you're doing to take part by tweeting [@methodistmedia](#) or [emailing us?](#)

We are Family

Bookings are now open for **We are Family**, a joint conference of the Methodist Church and the Consultative Group on Ministry among Children, where new research, resources and training programmes will be launched. To book your tickets, [click here](#).

Work with JPIT

The Joint Public Issues Team is currently recruiting for its **internship** scheme to start on 1 September. If you want to spend a year working with this dynamic ecumenical team learning about faith and politics, and developing skills in policy, research and communication, then [click here](#) to find out more. The internship is paid at the London Living Wage rate and the closing date is 5 June.

One Programme Participants

[Ten regional projects](#) across the Connexion are looking to each host a young person, **aged 16 to 23**, to undertake

day of the 70th anniversary commemorations to mark VE Day, which see the Queen, Prince Philip and other members of the royal family attend a Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey.

Election 2015

Tonight, 10pm,

BBC Radio 4

James Naughtie and Carolyn Quinn present through-the-night coverage, featuring analysis of incoming results and interviews with key political figures and experts.

VE Day 70th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, 7:30pm,

BBC Radio 2

Ken Bruce presents live from Horse Guards Parade in central London at a special event marking the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. from Horse Guards Parade.

What Kind of Victory?

Sunday 8:10am

BBC Radio 4

The Revd Elizabeth Adekunle, Chaplain of St

paid, part-time work for a year. There are positions available in Aberystwyth, Leeds, Crediton (Devon), Barnsley, Reading, Doncaster, Cardiff, London and Wigan. The One Programme is a great opportunity for someone wanting a gap year, or to grow in experience in the Church/Voluntary sector, so if you have someone in mind, please do let them know.

Jobs with the Connexional Team

Several other positions are currently vacant in the **Connexional Team**, including a Safeguarding Adviser, Safeguarding Case Worker and Grants Team Leader. Check out the [Job Opportunities page](#) on the website for more information.

Reflections

In the coming week the [Prayer Handbook](#) will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Southern Africa, East Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Americas, West Africa, Britain and Ireland. The theme for next week's [A Word in Time](#) Bible studies is **The Church in Action** written by Julian Bond.

Video Thursday: What might happen?

No one quite knows what tonight's results will bring for British politics, but [this animation](#) looks at explaining some of the **possible results and scenarios**.

John's College Cambridge and the retired Major General Tim Cross CBE will be marking the 70th anniversary for VE Day by exploring the kind of victory that can bring real hope for the future.

See [The Radio Times](#) for further listings.